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For: ASTAXANTHIN MEDIUM-CHAIN)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
FATTY ACID ESTER, PRODUCTION)	
METHOD OF THE SAME, AND)	
COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE)	
SAME)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly amend
the application as follows.